

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION SOLE OR JOINT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled:

### **THE SMART HANGER SYSTEM**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I HEREBY STATE THAT I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION WHICH IS MATERIAL TO THE EXAMINATION OF THIS APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

#### Prior Foreign Application(s)

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States applications listed below and, INSOFAR AS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH OF THE CLAIMS OF THIS APPLICATION IS NOT DISCLOSED IN THE PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF TITLE 35, UNITED STATES CODE, §112, I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, §1.56(a) WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN THE FILING DATE OF THE PRIOR APPLICATION AND THE NATIONAL OR PCT INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION:

(Application Serial Number)	(Filing Date)	(STATUS: Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith (List name and registration number).

(LIST SENIOR PATENT COUNSEL AND ATTORNEY HANDLING CASE WITH PATENT OFFICE REGISTRATION NUMBERS.)

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Sylvester Russo  
For: **THE SMART HANGER SYSTEM**  
Attorney Docket No.: 0153-1  
231 Somerville Road  
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April 9, 2004

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING**  
**SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.9 (f) AND 1.27 (b)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **THE SMART HANGER SYSTEM**, described in the above-identified application.

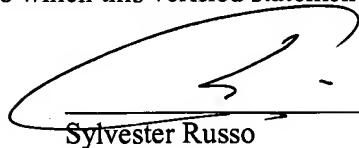
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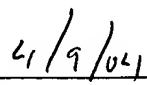
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Sylvester Russo

  
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Date

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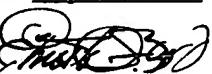
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DATE: April 9, 2003

FILE NUMBER: 0153-1

SERIAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FILING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: THE SMART HANGER SYSTEM

INVENTOR(S): Sylvester Russo

1. Have you previously requested a prior art search?

Yes       No

(If "Yes", attach a copy of the search report.)

2. Give details of any information you have which anyone might consider relevant (either adversely or beneficially) to the patentability of your invention concerning:

- (1) prior public or private knowledge of others;  
(2) public or private disclosure of yourself or others including:

- (a) oral disclosures;  
(b) intracompany correspondence;  
(c) discussions or other correspondence with third parties;  
(d) public or private use (other than your own), including samples to, or testing by or for third parties; or  
(e) the sale of, or offer for sale of, products of, or produced by, the invention.

3. Do you know of U.S. and/or foreign patents and/or published patent applications which are material to the invention which have not previously been reported to me in writing?

Yes       No

(If "Yes", attach a list of such patents and/or patent applications.)

4. Do you know of any published literature (articles, "preprints", theses, abstracts, reports, etc.) material to the invention which have not previously been reported to me in writing?

Yes       No

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5. Do you know of any data of your own or other material information (either beneficial or adverse to the invention) which has not previously been reported to me in writing?

Yes       No

(If "Yes", attach details.)

Date: 4/9/04

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